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Katsuya IRIE, et al.

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For: GAS DISCHARGE DISPLAY DEVICE

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED
EXAMINATION (RCE)**

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment and accompany Request For Continued Examination (RCE) are responsive to the Notice of Allowance mailed September 28, 2004, and having a due date for payment of the Issue Fee of December 28, 2004.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

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FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA		RATE	FEE			RATE	FEE		
BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.10(a))					\$ _____				\$ _____		
TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.10(c))		minus 20 *		x \$ _____ *				x \$ _____ *			
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.10(b))		minus 3 *		x \$ _____ *				x \$ _____ *			
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT (37 CFR 1.16(d))				+ \$ _____ *				+ \$ _____ *			
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AMENDMENT A	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE			RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE		
Total (37 CFR 1.16(c))	8	20	-	x \$ 25.				x \$ 50.			
Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b))	5	4	1	x \$ 100.				x \$ 200.	200		
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))				+ \$ _____ *				+ \$ _____ *			
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AMENDMENT B	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE			RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE		
Total (37 CFR 1.16(c))				x \$ _____ *				x \$ _____ *			
Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b))				x \$ _____ *				x \$ _____ *			
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))				+ \$ _____ *				+ \$ _____ *			
				TOTAL ADD'L FEE				TOTAL ADD'L FEE			
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AMENDMENT C	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE			RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE		
Total (37 CFR 1.16(c))				x \$ _____ *				x \$ _____ *			
Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b))				x \$ _____ *				x \$ _____ *			
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))				+ \$ _____ *				+ \$ _____ *			
				TOTAL ADD'L FEE				TOTAL ADD'L FEE			

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